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SUBJ: NEWS QUERIES ABOUT AMMO MISSING FROM BARGES ENROUTE

THAILAND TO CAMBODIA

REF: CHMEDTC 11109

- 1. AP AND WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENTS CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR RELEASE OF COMPLETE LIST AMMO BELIEVED PILFERED FROM BARGES ENROUTE FROM SATTAHIP TO CAMBODIA.
- 2. WE DO NOT RPT NOT AT THIS TIME PLAN TO RELEASE THE LIST COMPILED BY MEDTC/CAMBODIA SINCE THIS WOULD PROBABLY ONLY RAISE MORE QUESTIONS. INSTEAD, WE PLAN TO REPLY TO REQUESTS FOR THE LIST BY DRAWING FROM THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS: QTE WE ARE CONDUCTING A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE AMMUNITION LOSSES. SOME LOSSES HAVE OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF CARGO HAVING BEEN WASHED OVERBOARD IN ROUGH WEATHER. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SOME THEFT OF MATERIEL ON THE HIGH SEAS. A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THIS HAS BEEN RECOVERED. THAI AND US AUTHORITIES ARE COOPERATING IN STRENGTHENING SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE BARGES. IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE PROBLEM HAS BEEN CORRECTED. MOST OF THE M16 AMMUNITION REPORTED LOST HAS BEEN RECOVERED. AT ANY RATE, THE AMOUNTS CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT WE ARE TALKING ABOUT ARE VERY SMALL COMPARED TO THE TOTAL

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